

## "WOMEN ARE IN A MELTING POT OF OWN," SAYS NEW YORK'S "JANE ADDAMS"

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What Hull House is to Chicago the University Settlement is to New York. What Jane Addams is to Hull House, Lillian D. Wald is to the University Settlement.

This is so true that one might call Miss Wald "New York's Jane

which has gone forth for 20 years from the University Settlement is the oneness of the world.

This University Settlement is situated at 265 Henry street, the very core of New York's East Side where the "melting pot of nations" boils hardest and where for 20 years Miss Wald has stirred into it the sympathy and understanding and helpfulness which make life easier for newcomers in "the promised land."

"I believe in everyone working together—all men and women together and especially women-folks together," Miss Wald said to me the other day.

"Women are in a special melting pot of their own just now," I had remarked. "The old standards, the old barriers, are melting away in the fiery furnace of necessity. We are finding new values, making new adjustments."

"We are indeed," Miss Wald replied. "We are learning more and more that every advance in democracy brings people nearer together and that good will between man and man depend upon respect and reverence. When women share equally with men the responsibility for righteousness in government and when their counsels on matters of public welfare are given the dignity the ballot bestows, there will follow a new sense of comradeship, a new sense of fellowship between men and women; woman will not be the unacknowledged power behind the throne—she will share the throne!"

"I have never been able to see that women have exerted even an unacknowledged power behind the throne in this country," I interjected.

"That's what makes our history dull reading compared with that of France or of England. And even in those countries were indirect influ-



Miss Lillian D. Wald.

Addams" or one might even speak of Jane Addams as "Chicago's Lillian Wald." The two women have been fast friends years, and they are as one in their interest and belief in everything which relates to the advancement of women. Miss Wald, like Miss Addams, is a suffragist. The motto of her life and the message